

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 2-17 are pending. Claims 2, 3 and 17 stand rejected and are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 4-16 are allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Office Action sets forth at page 2, paragraph 1, "Claims 2, 3, 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ES Patent No. 1,052,733 in view of ES Patent No. 1,051,839." Although applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's broad interpretation of the cited art and application to the claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 2, 3, and 17 to expedite prosecution.

All remaining claims are allowed.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, applicant submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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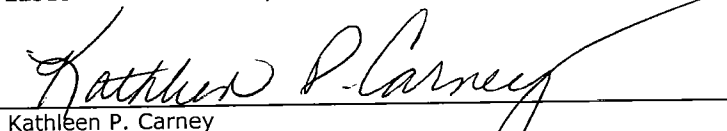
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